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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9077**
Yasushi TAKAI et al. : Docket No. 2001_1108A
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RARE EARTH HYDROXIDE AND METHOD
FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 26, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group I i.e., Claims 1-7, directed to a powder of a rare earth hydroxide or neodymium hydroxide.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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